

## **TRAVELING WITH PETS**

### **Fast Facts:**

- Pet Travel is not included in soldier entitlements
- Commercial and AMC have areas available for pets (summer restrictions may apply)
- SATO can arrange for pet travel on “Pet Air”
- Pets must have valid health certificates, rabies vaccinations, and customs clearance paperwork.

### **Pet Travel Requirements:**

- Age. Dogs and cats must be at least 8 weeks old and must have been weaned before traveling by air.
- Kennels. Kennels must meet minimum standards for size, strength, sanitation, and ventilation.
- Size and Strength. Kennels must be enclosed and allow room for the animal to stand, sit, and lie in a natural position. They must be easy to open, strong enough to withstand the normal rigors of transportation, and free of objects that could injure the animal.
- Sanitation. Kennels must have a solid, leakproof floor that is covered with litter or absorbent lining. Wire or other ventilated subfloors are generally allowed; pegboard flooring is prohibited.
- Ventilation. Kennels must be well ventilated with openings that make up at least 14 percent of the total wall space. At least one-third of the openings must be located in the top half of the kennel.
- Animals per kennel. Each species must have its own kennel with the exception of compatible cats and dogs of similar size. Maximum numbers include 2 puppies or kittens under 6 months old and 20 pounds each, 15 guinea pigs or rabbits,

and 50 hamsters. Some airlines may have more restrictive requirements and must be checked with your planned carrier.

### **Feeding and Watering While Traveling.**

Instructions for feeding and water the animal over a 24-hour period must be attached to the kennel. The 24-hour schedule will assist the airline in providing care for your animal in case it is diverted from its original destination. You as a pet owner are required to certify your pet has been offered food and water within 4 hours of transport, and the documentation must include the time and date of feeding.

Food and water dishes must be securely attached and be accessible to caretakers without opening the kennel. Food and water must be provided to puppies and kittens every 12 hours if they are 8 to 16 weeks old. Mature animals must be fed every 24 hours and given water every 12 hours.

### **PCS Shipping:**

If a soldier is PCSing to CONUS, he/she can request AMC pet reservation in advance. If approved, authorization to ship pet must be entered on orders. There is a limit of not more than two pets. Cost is approximately \$95.00 per pet through AMC.

### **Commercial Airline Shipping:**

All US Flag carriers doing business with DOD as Contracted Air Carriers will ship pets if requested by the owner and approved between 24 and 48 hours prior to scheduled departure. Pets traveling as excess baggage usually are placed in the cargo hull of the aircraft. Cost is approximately \$110.00.

### **Trips Outside the Continental United States**

Hawaii, U.S. territories, and certain foreign governments have quarantine or health requirements for arriving pets. Contact your airline for information about these requirements.

**Summer Restrictions:** Summer restrictions may apply for transporting your pet. In this case, explore options with “Pet Air” and “Gradylyn Kennels.”

**Local Veterinarians that can assist with requirements.** There are a variety of local veterinarians within the 100<sup>th</sup> ASG area that can assist with rabies vaccinations and health certificates. Below is a list of alternate vets in the event you cannot get an appointment with the military veterinarian clinic.

#### **LOCAL NATIONAL VETERINARIANS**

**SE: Speaks English**

**HC – Health Certificate**

#### **AMBERG:**

**Dr. Lukas            09621-24848 SE, HC, X-Rays, Surgeries, 24 Hr  
Emergency Care.**

#### **AUERBACH:**

**Dr. Graf            09643-91151 SE, HC, X-Rays, Surgeries, 24 Hr  
Emergency Care.**

#### **BURGLENGENFELD:**

**Dr. Brudbl            09471-7159  
Dr. Plank            09i471-200300**

#### **PARSBERG:**

**Dr. Seitz            09492-1483 SE, HC, X-Rays, Surgery, 24 Hr  
Emergency Care.**

**PRESSATH:**

**Dr. Baur-Schmelcher 09644-300 SE, HC, X-Rays, Surgery**

**REGENSBURG:**

**Dr. Loster 0941-400506**

**SCHMIDMUHLEN:**

**Dr. Brunold 09474-428 Small Surgeries, Emergency**

**SULZBACH-ROSENBERG:**

**Dr. ZBurkhart 09661-810755 SE, HC, X-Rays, Surgeries, Emergencies.**

**VILSECK:**

**Dr. Schmidt 09662-8875 SE, HC, X-Rays, Surgeries, Emergencies.**

**Dr. Tobias 09662-6411 SE, HC, X-Rays, Surgeries, 24 Hour Emergencies**

**WEIDEN:**

**Dr. Krinnger 0961-31791 SE, HC, X-Rays, Surgeries, Emergencies**

**Dr. Feneis 0961-35355 SE, HC, X-Rays, Surgeries, Emergencies**

**Flying with “Pet Air”** (alternative to AMC or Commercial Travel)

**Contact Information:**

60549 Frankfurt Airport  
Cargo-Center, Building 458e, Room 2201  
Phone: 069 – 690 – 71915 or 71916

**Offers the following:**

- Daily Departures
- Same day arrivals
- Boarding Service
- Daily flights to over 200 U.S. airports
- Pick-Up Service all over Germany
- VISA and Mastercard
- If you do not have a cage – “Pet Air” can offer a variety of sizes to ship your pet

### **Necessary Paperwork for Sending Your Pet:**

- 2 Copies of Health Certificate less than 9 days old at the time of the flight
- Current rabies vaccination (at least 30 days old but not older than 1 year)
- 2 copies of orders – if applicable to simplify customs clearance
- Complete contract address and phone number in the U.S.

Gradylyn Kennels (Other Carrier Option): Offers pick-up and delivery anywhere in Germany.

### **Contact Information:**

Phone: 069-69050081

Location: Frankfurt Airport Cargo Center #1, Gate 26, Building 458-B, 60594 Frankfurt/Main.